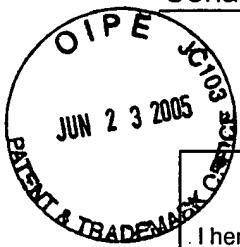


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This reply is filed in response to the Office action dated May 27, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.